Reversal of Fortune

Alan Dershowitz
Holy shit. Hello? Hello?

Klaus Von Bulow
Professor Dershowitz, hello, hello. How good you to come. Won’t you sit down?
Do you play backgammon?

Alan Dershowitz
That? No.

Klaus Von Bulow
Most people think it is a game of luck. Actually, it is largely a matter of nerve.
I think I should tell you that I have the utmost respect for the intelligence & integrity of the Jewish people.
When I married Sonny, she was the most beautiful divorcee in the world, as well as one of the wealthiest. Even so, we never got this table.

Waiter
Professor Dershowitz
Dr. Von Bulow.

Klaus Von Bulow
Two injections of insulin, and already I’m a doctor. In America it is fame rather than class. Now, after all this unpleasantness, I always get the best of everything.

Alan Dershowitz
Speaking of the unpleasantness-

Klaus Von Bulow
Oh, I supposed we ought to discuss your fee.

Alan Dershowitz
Got you. $300 an hour.

Klaus Von Bulow
Good Lord. You know that I used to be a lawyer in London... That sounds a bit steep.

Alan Dershowitz
That’s average for a case like this. Besides, I do a lot of Pro Bono work. You would pay for that. Plus, I have to pay students, associates...

Klaus Von Bulow
Are you saying that if I agree to pay the $300, you will agree to handle my appeal?

Alan Dershowitz
No. Not so far. It doesn’t look like my kind of case. I’m not a hired gun. I have to feel that there is some kind of moral or constitutional issue at stake.

Klaus Von Bulow
But I am absolutely innocent, and my civil liberties have been egregiously violated.

Alan Dershowitz
I have two black kids facing the electric chair for a crime they did not commit. They are innocent.

Klaus Von Bulow
Well, before you assume I am guilty, won’t you hear my story?

Alan Dershowitz
No. Never let defendants explain. It puts me in an awkward position.

Klaus Von Bulow
How do you mean?

Alan Dershowitz
Lying.

Klaus Von Bulow
But I give you my word, as a gentleman.

Alan Dershowitz
Oh. Well...

Klaus Von Bulow
Well, won’t you at least read the record? See if you can find something ... constitutional?

Alan Dershowitz
You do have one thing in your favor.
Everybody hates you.

Klaus Von Bulow
Well, that’s a start.
That’s wonderful. Now I want the best people in the world on our side, the most prestigious experts. Nobel Prize winning scientists, the sons of your colleagues at Harvard..

Alan Dershowitz
Now wait a minute, Klaus. We’ve got a little problem there, OK? People like that, we can’t control. They’ll find one incriminating fact, and they’ll tell the whole world.

Klaus Von Bulow
I’m not afraid Alan. Let the chips fall where they may.

Alan Dershowitz
That is what an innocent man would say.

Klaus Von Bulow
I know.